

# Socha new coordinator for recreation programs

By **TED BROWN**  
Staff writer

With the summer vacation season nearing, the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up for their summer day camp programs.

As usual, the Recreation and Parks Department has been working overtime putting the finishing touches on the programs and streamlining things as much as possible for parents, children and leaders. Enrolment numbers are much the same as previous years, but some programs are filling up.

Greg Socha, a longtime leader with the town summer program has been hired to handle the position of Summer Program coordinator.

Greg comes to the program with lots of experience, having come up through the ranks of the program himself since he began attending the town's summer programs at the age of nine.

Since then, he has taken part in the Leaders in Training program (LIT) the Junior Leaders program and also has served as a leader. Last year he was the supervisor for the sports camps.

Along with acting supervisor of community programs, Joanne Russell, the two have been making a few subtle changes to the programs to ensure all campers have a safe, fun summer.

"We have changed the procedure for the five supervisors this year," says Joanne, "And now they will be stationed in the same venue for the entire summer, so parents and children will find them more accessi-

ble." "We have a super group of leaders," says Joanne. "I'm excited about them starting this year. They are a great group of young people with so much to offer to our programs."

Greg is pleased with the group as well, having worked with many of them over the previous years. A total of 31 staff members are hired this summer, and a few new camps will be offered.

"We're introducing a new nature camp this summer, which will be held at Cedarvale," says Greg. "The camp will focus on making the kids environmentally conscious, as well as offering outdoor survival skills like orienteering and map reading."

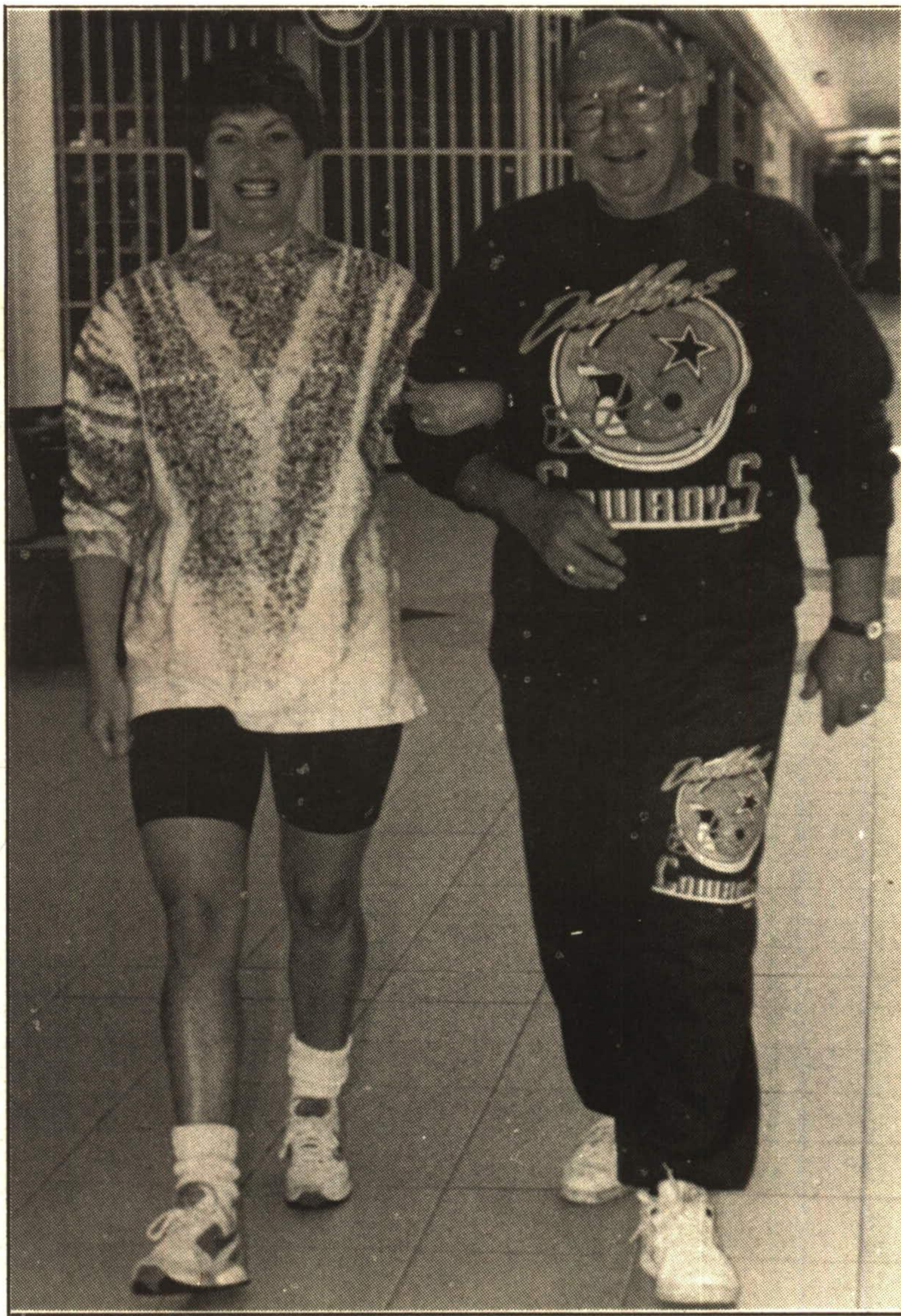
Most of the programs remain unchanged, and as in the past, an effort has been made to keep as many leaders working in their own community, where they are known.

In an effort to increase the numbers of special needs children integrated into the programs, the summer programs will include an opportunity for volunteers to help out. The Leisure Buddies program is designed to give volunteers a chance to help special needs children, as well as giving the children a chance to enjoy the programs.

In the past, youths enrolled in the Leadership Development programs have helped, and will continue to do so this summer, but more help is needed. Anyone wishing to take part in the Leisure Buddies program or any other summer program, can call Joanne Russell, at 873-2600, for more information.



GREG SOCHA



## ParticipACTION time!

Mayor Russ Miller has been in training lately as he and Laurie Burns of Work That Body walked a few laps around Georgetown Marketplace Mall in preparation for the CrownLife ParticipACTION Challenge this Wednesday (June 2). Be sure to exercise for 15 minutes on Wednesday, then phone the town of Halton Hills offices at 873-2600 between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. to record your activities.

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WE ARE EXPECTING SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE TO ATTEND. To help make this day a success we invite you or your group to be in the parade. Please indicate if you are a Band, Float, Car, or just marching.

This year the parade will assemble on Thursday, July 1, 1993 at the parking lot across from Prestons, on Wildwood Road. If you plan to be in the parade please arrive no later than 11:15 am.

The route will be down Beaver Street, to Alexander Street, to Confederation Street, to St. John's United Church.

Entry forms are included and must be sent to my attention before June 21, 1993.

Thank You,  
Keith D. Ewing  
Sgt at Arms  
Fall in: 11:15 am Sharp      Branch Tel.: 877-4413  
K. Ewing Tel: 873-1209

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